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Dutch minister in Cairo
CAIRO, Jan. 17 - (R) - Mr. Jan Pronk, the Dutch Minister for Development Cooperation arrived here tonight on a five-day visit to discuss with Egyptian officials development projects to be carried out with Dutch help in Egypt in 1976.
Mr. Pronk was invited by Egyptian Planning Minister Dr. Ibrahim Abdel Rahman.
The projects in which the Dutch are expected to take part included irrigation, dairy production and promotion of Egyptian onion products destined for export.

McGovern ends Vietnam visit
HONG KONG, Jan. 17 - (AFP) - United States Senator George McGovern, an unsuccessful 1972 presidential candidate, today left Hanoi for home after a four-day visit to North and South Vietnam, Vietnam News Agency (VNA) reported.
While in Hanoi, Sen. McGovern (Democrat-South Dakota) met with Premier Pham Van Dong and Xuan Thuy, Secretary of the Communist Party's Central Committee. In Saigon, he had talks with South Vietnamese Foreign Minister Mrs. Nguyen Thi Binh.

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Arab League force suggested to keep peace in Lebanon

CAIRO, Jan. 17 (R) - A member of the Egyptian Parliament, tonight suggested the formation of an Arab League military force to maintain order and bring together all opposing factions in Lebanon.
Mr. Abu Stait said Arab parties confronting Israel should be excluded from this force. These parties were Egypt, Syria, Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO).
Parliament was discussing a foreign policy statement made by Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy on January 5, but many members focussed their remarks on the developments in Lebanon.
A tentative decision was just been made by Mr. Demerdash Toni said the tragedy in Lebanon "the civil war in Angola and the dispute over the Sahara between Algeria and Morocco and Mauritania indicates that there is a plot to strike against Arab and African solidarity," he said.
Another member, Mamdouh Ouda, said what was happening in Lebanon was part of "a Zionist plot aimed at diverting the Arab people's attention from their main cause and for NATO commercial liquidation of the Palestinian issue."

Rescuers plan new descent at Indian mine disaster site

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17. (R) - Two teams of rescuers prepared today to descend deep into the flooded Chasnalla coal mine, in northeastern India, where at least 400 men—and possibly 600—were feared killed in a disaster on December 7.
Government and mine officials have refused to confirm that as many as 600 might be in the flooded shafts which could confirm an estimate reached by the number of unclaimed bicycles left at the site.
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N. Ireland incidents result in 3 more deaths

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Israeli leftists protest settlements in West Bank

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17. (AFP) - Several dozen left-wing demonstrators were today camping near the Israeli occupied West Bank base at Kadoum, in protest at another illegal settlement there by the right-wing Gush Emunim movement.
According to the demonstrators, about 15 Gush Emunim families moved into the abandoned military camp under the protection of the Israeli army. They said they would leave the area when the settlers moved out.
The Labour-dominated government of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has refused to authorise previous attempts by the Gush Emunim to establish settlements on the Israeli-occupied West Bank of the Jordan.
The Israeli left maintains that Israeli settlements in occupied territory would compromise the chances of peaceful coexistence between Jews and Arabs.



ROYAL WELCOME. — H.M. King Hussein is shown meeting with Deputy Commander of American Forces in Europe, General Huyser. (JNA photo).

King Hussein meets General Huyser

AMMAN - (JNA) - The Supreme Commander of the Jordanian Armed Forces His Majesty King Hussein received at noon on Saturday at the Royal Hashemite Court General Robert Huyser Deputy Commander of the American Forces in Europe.
The Jordanian Commander in Chief Lieutenant Sharif Zaid Bin Shaker and the American Ambassador in Amman were present.

Sadat confers with aides to tackle Lebanese situation

CAIRO, Jan. 17. (R) - President Anwar Sadat conferred with his top aides today to consider what help Egypt could give to end the civil war in Lebanon or protect the Palestinian presence there.
The meeting, held at the president's country home about 20 miles outside Cairo, was attended by Vice-President Hosni Mubarak, Prime Minister Mamdouh Salem and Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy.
The Egyptian concern over Lebanon has intensified with attacks by the Lebanese air force against left-wing positions.
Egypt, which has so far kept aloof in the civil war, is trying to play a conciliatory role between the warring sides, and is particularly worried about the worsening situation, in view of Palestinian involvement in the battle.
President Sadat, in a statement yesterday, urged an immediate end to what he described as "aggression" against Palestinian refugee camps and called for the trial of those responsible for the intervention of the Lebanese air force.
"The Palestinian resistance movement is a trust in the hands of the Lebanese government," the strong-worded statement said.
But observers believed that despite the firm Egyptian position, Egypt was unlikely to make a unilateral move and might even caution against Arab military intervention, which could provide Israel with a pretext to intervene.
President Sadat was reported to have obtained a promise from the U.S. that Israel would desist from any such move.

Tel Aviv would welcome relations with Spain

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17 - (R) - Foreign Minister Yigal Allon today welcomed the possibility that Spain and Israel might establish diplomatic relations for the first time.
He was commenting on an Israeli television report which quoted Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Maria de Azuela as saying that Spain might consider opening relations with Israel.
"Israel would welcome normalisation of relations with Spain and would react favourably to the intentions expressed by the Spanish Foreign Minister to establish full diplomatic relations in the not too distant future," Mr. Allon said in a statement.
Israel television reported today that King Juan Carlos of Spain had expressed interest in such a move and said the message had been unofficially passed to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Zaire air, troop involvement in Angola reported

LONDON, Jan. 17 - (R) - Troops and aircraft operating from Zaire have been involved in fighting in Angola over the last days, according to press reports today in Moscow, Belgrade and Havana.
In New York, there were reports that Zaire was contemplating a diplomatic initiative at the United Nations. The report said the Zaire government was considering asking the Security Council to send a fact-finding mission to the Angola-Zaire border area.
There was no confirmation of the reports and U.N. officials said they had not heard of such an initiative.
Tass news agency from Moscow said the aircraft involved in the fighting were Zaire warplanes and six people had been killed in raids to cover a retreat by forces of the western-backed National Front for the Liberation of Angola (FNLA).
Prensa Latina from Havana said a French-built Mirage jet fighter from Zaire had killed eight people and wounded four others in three rocket attacks earlier this week in the same area.
Earlier today, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug reported dispatches from its Luanda correspondent which said four Zaire soldiers were killed when an unidentified force tried to invade the northern Angola enclave of Cabinda.
Tanjug quoted leaders of the Soviet-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) as saying the attack, in the Sandmasala and Congotari regions of the oil-rich enclave, was driven back by MPLA defenders.
In Washington, the Washington Star newspaper reported that U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has told African nations he believes the Angolan civil war would be over in one month's time, probably ended by diplomatic means.
The newspaper cited information sources, saying that Dr. Kissinger gave his views to 37 African diplomats at a State Department meeting earlier this week.
The newspaper said the U.S. officials felt Dr. Kissinger may already have a Soviet commitment to stop its supply of weapons to the MPLA.
The Star said others felt the MPLA, having made considerable territorial gains, was now able to negotiate from a position of strength.
In a related development, about 6,000 Angolans and Portuguese have taken refuge in the airport of the southern Angolan town of Sada Bandeira to escape fighting there between nationalist groups, a Portuguese government spokesman said in Lisbon today.

Chamoun besieged in home town as Lebanese rightists lose ground

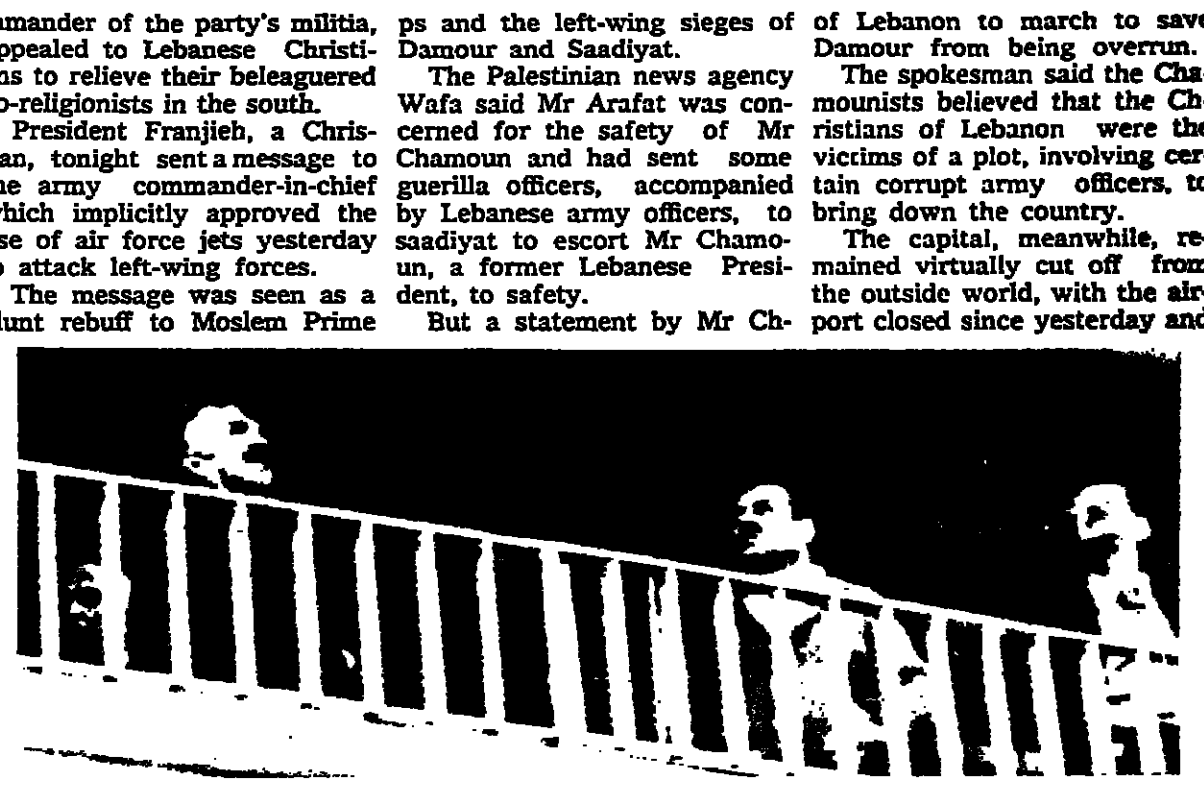
BEIRUT, Jan. 17. (Agencies) - Church bells tolled in Christian suburbs of Beirut tonight as Lebanon's right-wingers lashed back at the loss of a Christian town to leftist forces early today, a battle in which 250 people are reported to have died.
A right-wing leader appealed to the people to march to the relief of other beleaguered Christian communities south of Beirut, and a few hours later rightist militants seized the Serail (local government office) and the left-wing sieges of Damour and Saadiyat.
The Palestinian news agency Wafa said Mr Arafat was concerned for the safety of Mr Chamoun and had sent some guerrilla officers, accompanied by Lebanese army officers, to Saadiyat to escort Mr Chamoun, a former Lebanese President, to safety.
The message was seen as a blunt rebuff to Moslem Prime Minister Rashid Karami who says the jets were sent in against his orders.
Arab Ambassadors in Beirut who had separate meetings earlier today with Mr Franjeh and Mr Karami later met Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat for the second time in 24 hours.
Diplomatic sources said they were trying to secure a ceasefire and the lifting of right-wing sieges of Palestinian camps and the left-wing sieges of Damour and Saadiyat.
It said that 8,000 Christian refugees from fighting in the area were sheltering in Mr Chamoun's palace at Saadiyat.
A spokesman for Mr Chamoun's National Liberal Party said that Mr Chamoun's son Dany issued an appeal for the people of Lebanon to march to save Damour from being overrun.
The spokesman said the Christians of Lebanon were the victims of a plot, involving certain corrupt army officers, to bring down the country.
The capital, meanwhile, remained virtually cut off from the outside world, with the airport closed since yesterday and telephone and telex links cut since Thursday night.
The central city of Zahle, where bloody clashes broke out again yesterday, was said to be calmer but tense.
In Beirut the battle between left and right-wing forces in the seaside hotel district, the city centre and the eastern and southern suburbs appeared to be deadlocked.
The fighting eased slightly, but there was no sign of the warring forces moving towards a truce.
Premier Rashid Karami denounced yesterday's air attack which was ordered against his wishes by the army commander-in-chief, Major-General Hanna Said.
The attack threatened a crisis of loyalty for the army, as Mr Karami is Defence Minister as well as Premier and theoretically should have the last word on what the armed forces do.
But in his broadcast statement Mr Karami gave no hint that he intended to take any action against insubordinate military commanders.
Three mortar bombs fell near

Ceasefire announced

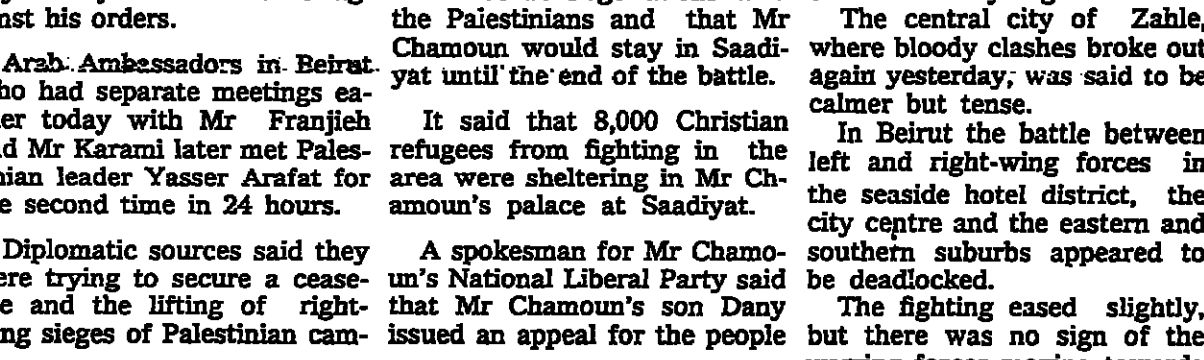
Radio Lebanon broadcast a communiqué by Prime Minister Karami at midnight Saturday saying that the Arab ambassadors' mediation efforts had resulted in a new agreement by all sides in the fighting to cease-fire at 2:00 a.m. Sunday morning.
All parties had agreed, the communiqué said, to stop fighting and withdraw from the battle zones throughout the country as well as throughout Beirut. No further details were made available.

Waldheim says fighting is threat to M. E. peace

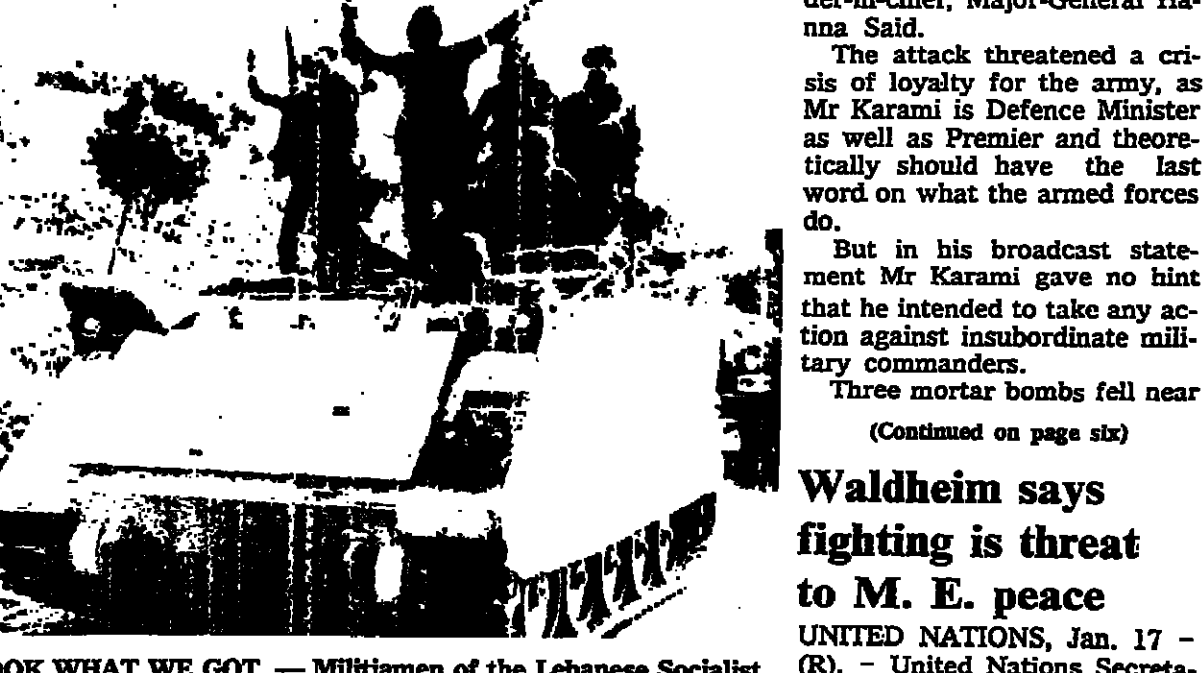
UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 17 - (R) - United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim today told the Lebanese Ambassador to the U.N. he felt that fighting in Lebanon was a threat to peace throughout the Middle East, the ambassador said.
A U.N. spokesman said Dr. Waldheim had asked for the meeting for a general discussion of the situation, not specifically related to Lebanese air force involvement in bombing attacks yesterday.
Asked if any move might be made to bring the Lebanese issue to the Security Council — empowered under the U.N. charter to discuss what it sees as any threat to international peace — Ambassador Ghorra said the Lebanese government could take no action on its own.
Dr. Waldheim could himself ask the Council to take it up, but Mr. Ghorra said he knew of no moves to involve the Council.



PLANE WATCHERS. — Pictured in Beirut Friday watching Lebanese air force planes strafing leftist elements near Beirut are Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karami (second from left), Islamic League Secretary Hussein Kuwatli (centre) and Socialist leader Kamal Jumblatt (glasses).



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End of the bluff

Now that the EEC has come out in favour of a floor price for oil of \$7 per barrel, a few aspects of the past two years' acrimonious energy debate come into sharper focus.

By far the loudest and harshest oratory has been the American mania about bringing down the price of oil, a mania inevitably coupled in public pronouncements to references to Arab oil blackmailers, oil-rich sheikhs or some other such colourful connotation. Immediately after the dramatic oil price increases of October and November 1973, the Americans — particularly Henry Kissinger and William Simon — never passed up an opportunity to cajole or threaten the oil producers with dire consequences if the price of oil did not come down. Henry Kissinger, at one particularly somber moment, was wondering aloud about the chances of western civilisation surviving much past the next meeting of OPEC oil ministers.

After a year and then two years passed, and the industrialised nations adjusted to the higher price of oil, there was much less talk about attacking the oil producers and much less speculation in the international press about when the world would come to an end. In fact, the initial burst was a bluff, and now it happens that the world's industrial nations are interested in keeping the price of oil up beyond a level where their huge investments in energy sources will bring in a reasonable profit. (This brings up the ironic situation where now the world's major oil producers have a significant economic card to play if they decide to lower the price of oil.)

The EEC backing for a crude oil floor price of \$7 per barrel is primarily aimed at protecting investments in North Sea oil, where production costs have skyrocketed way beyond initial estimates. The same has happened for Alaska oil, and is particularly significant in the industrial states' hopes to draw oil from shale rock. If world oil prices hover around the \$11-\$12 per barrel mark, as they do now, it is hopelessly uneconomical to invest in shale oil or exotic offshore oil technology.

What all this means is that the next time the Americans or the Europeans or the Japanese or anyone else starts yelling about international economic blackmail or mutters vague phrases about the strangulation of the world's economies, we should ask them to clarify their meanings and intentions. If they are acting out of the natural concern for the welfare of civilisation, somebody should remind them that there are people in the Middle East who are equally concerned about the perpetuation of civilisation.

But if they are simply yelling out because they are slowly losing the grip they have enjoyed over the international economic ballgame, perhaps they will slowly come to appreciate that cooperation and consultation in this game are far more beneficial all around than domination and exploitation. The EEC \$7 per barrel floor price is a major step in this direction.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Al Ra'i on Saturday said that confrontation is the basic issue at hand right now and the Arabs are not willing to step aside from the current debate at the U.N. Security Council regardless of plans by certain foreign powers to have them do so.

Al-Ra'i said that the "Plot-ers" are trying to put an end to the success of the Arab diplomatic effort and consequently smear the nature of the Palestinian struggle.

"The Arabs," the paper said, "are receiving a wide range of understanding from the international community now that the battle of Palestine has moved from within a small circle to cover the whole world."

"Zionism," it continued, "has always tried to change the nature of the confrontation from its Arab-Zionist conflict to a Arab-vs-Arab conflict."

"Among such incidents is the plan to bring in conflict Jordan and the P.L.O. concerning the occupied territories," Al-Ra'i said.

"The Zionists don't really have a good perception of the situation since what really matters most is not who will administer the territories, but an elimination of the present occupation forces. The debate at the U.N. Security Council," the paper concluded, "is the result of active Arab efforts in the last two years and a show of

their ability to shoulder their responsibilities."

Commenting on the continuing tragic situation in Lebanon, Ad Dustour Saturday said that, "The civil war in Lebanon reached a climax of tragedy when Lebanese fighter jets began to take part."

The paper asked whether the present situation is moving towards an end to the fighting or towards the time for foreign intervention.

"In any case," Ad Dustour said, "the plot against the Palestinians in Lebanon has ripened, but the Palestinian people will have nothing to do with it."

The paper said that the plot "was aimed at making a dramatic change in the Lebanese civil war to usurp the Palestinian success with the U.N. and the whole world but it failed."

"What are the Arabs going to do to end the treacherous plot before it is too late? the paper asked.

Cairo papers Thursday were calling for unified Arab action to end the Lebanese crisis.

The mass circulation newspaper Al-Akhbar in an editorial said that "the Arab countries can no longer remain idle about the Lebanese problem, confining themselves to expressions of sorrow, astonishment and denunciation over the killing and destruction going on there."

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PRINCE WITH FARMERS. — Crown Prince Hassan addressing the farmers of the Jordan Valley on the importance of forming a federation to improve production and marketing. (JNA photo).

Prince Hassan asserts importance of farmers federation in Jordan Valley

AMMAN. — The Organisation of Farmer Labour in the Jordan Valley is a must to allow them to improve productivity and efficiency and meet the development targets. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan said during his meeting with the Jordan Valley Farmers on Saturday at Deir Alla Agricultural Station.

"Their work should be organised in the framework of a federation to concentrate efforts and avoid duplication and unnecessary work. The establishment of a farmers Federation will help in providing the farmers with better services to al-

low them to diversify their products to cover the local consumption and improve marketing of their products to outside markets," he said.

"The federation," Crown Prince Hassan added, "will be the link between the farmers and the various government agencies. 'It will also act as their spokesman on all matters of concern to them,'" he concluded.

Government officials had earlier in the meeting explained the aims and benefits of such a federation which will include all the farmers and will make them participate in planning

the agricultural policy for the Jordan Valley region.

The federation was established on democratic basis with equality between all farmers who will be considered as members of a collective partnership.

The President of the Jordan Valley Commission said that elections to the Federation's board of directors will be held soon.

The establishment of the federation was unanimously hailed as a reply to the farmers most essential demands and needs.

Participating in the meeting were the Ministers of Agriculture and Supply, the President of the Jordan Valley Commission, Director of the Cooperative Organisation, President of the Royal Scientific Society and several agricultural officials.

Byzantine church uncovered in Jerusalem

JERUSALEM, Jan. 17, (R). — Israeli archaeologists have uncovered remnants of a big sixth century Byzantine church in the old city of Jerusalem.

Dr Meir Ben Dov, Deputy Director of the Excavations announced here that the Church, built during the reign of Justinian, and destroyed by the Persians was the "New Santa Maria" Church.

Other remnants of the edifice had been discovered in the Jewish Quarter in the Old City of Jerusalem and with the latest find it had now been possible to establish that the Byzantine Church measured 80 metres long and 60 metres wide, Dr. Ben Dov said.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

● AMMAN. — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan paid a visit Saturday to the Armed Forces Headquarters to congratulate Lieutenant General Zeid bin Shaker on his promotion to the post of Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces. He met there with General Robert Huyser, Deputy Commander of the American Forces in Europe who was visiting the Armed Forces Headquarters.

● AMMAN. — Mr. Sadeq Eshari, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs received Saturday Mr. Shah Nawaz, additional Secretary General at the Pakistan Foreign Ministry, the Undersecretary at the Foreign Affairs Ministry in the Republic of China, Mr. Hse Yung, and the Jordan's ambassador in Washington, Mr. Abdullah Salah.

● AMMAN. — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan received Saturday noon at the Royal Hashemite Court the International Red Cross Committee delegation currently on a visit to Jordan. Discussions centered on encouraging and supporting the work of the Red Cross. Dr. Ahmad Abu Kura, President of the Jordanian Red Crescent society attended the meeting.

● AMMAN. — Mr. S. Shah Nawaz, Additional Secretary-General of Pakistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs was received by His Royal Highness the Crown Prince today. He later called on the Minister of State H.E. Mr. Sadeq Sharf and also on Secretary-General H.E. Mr. Hassan Ibrahim. Discussions centred on effective ways and means to use the current debate in the Security Council for achieving speedy progress towards a settlement in the Middle East.

TODAY'S WEATHER REPORT

Partly cloudy weather is expected Sunday with a chance of rain in the northern areas.

Expected temperatures for today are (in degrees centigrade):

Amman and hilly areas	12
Desert areas	15
Jordan Valley	18
Gulf of Aqaba	21

The President's affirmation was in reply to a memorandum which the Islamic Congress had sent to Heads of States of all Islamic countries, drawing their attention to the Israeli actions in the Holy City and calling upon them to take a firm stand against these measures.

Bin Shaker meets with U.S. Commander

AMMAN. — Lieutenant General Sharif Zeid bin Shaker, the Armed Forces Commander in Chief, received in his office Saturday morning General Robert Huyser, Deputy Commander of the American Forces in Europe and his accompanying delegation.

The American guest was briefed on the role and organisation of the Armed Forces and accompanied by the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations he visited the frontlines and an airbase where he witnessed a takeoff by the pilots of the base.

Later in the evening Generals Zeid bin Shaker and Huyser attended a musical performance by the Jordan's army musical band.

Imported goods increase through Aqaba port

AMMAN, (JNA). — Aqaba Port last year witnessed a substantial increase in the number of ships and the volume of imported goods.

During that year 516 ships had docked at Aqaba and the volume of imported commodities amounted to 682,795 tons against 299 ships and 368,423 tons of imported goods in the previous year.

The Director of the Aqaba Port Department Mr. Mahmoud Shabsough said the increase was the result of the growing Jordan's imports and the use of the harbour by some Arab countries to unload part of their imports.

The Department, he said, has taken the necessary and urgent steps to meet this expected boom, by raising the Port's capacity from 600,000 tons to one million and a half tons. Consequently, the number of quays, yards and warehouses will be doubled.

Long range communications project to begin

AMMAN. — The Telecommunication Corporation has started preparations of a 15 year comprehensive plan on telecommunication development in Jordan declared Mr. Mohammad Shihed Ismail, Director General of the Telecommunication Corporation in a meeting held on Saturday and attended by American experts and advisers who have been chosen by the Corporation to prepare such a plan.

"The 15 year plan, he will have as objective the development of telephone, telegraph and telex services in local, regional and international fields." Addressing the American experts Mr. Ismail asked them to follow two guidelines while preparing the plan:

1) to work out necessary and immediate solutions to improve telecommunication services.

2) to prepare later on a comprehensive long term plan to meet the rising needs such services by adopting most advanced technological discoveries in the field of communication.

Mr. Ismail added that American Company Telecor has been chosen from among other companies which have shown interest in the telecommunication Corporation before several months.

Another group from Telecor, he said, "will immediately start work on improving Amman's old exchange work."



MASTER PLAN. — Director General of Telecommunications Corporation, Mr. Muhammad Shihed Ismail (centre) speaks to American experts (to his left) on the master plan for improving telecommunication services in Jordan. (JNA photo).

Syria, Jordan to ratify agreement on shipping co

AMMAN, (JNA). — The Jordanian delegation to the general commission of the Syrian-Jordanian Shipping Company will leave here Sunday for Damascus to attend meetings of the commission starting on the same day.

The Minister of Transport, Mr. Khaled el Haj Hassan, who is leading the delegation, said that during the meeting the Jordanian and Syrian teams exchange instruments of ratification of the company's establishment which will be finally and formally announced.

The company, he said, enhance shipping trade between the two brotherly countries, he said.

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Kuwait rebuts Iranian claims on name of Gulf

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Kuwaiti plea for Arab states to repay Egypt's debts

UWAI, Jan. 17 - (R). — A member of Kuwait's National Assembly today asked the oil-producing Arab states to repay Egypt's foreign debts, which he estimated at 16,000 million dollars.

Dr. Ahmed Al-Khatib, leader of the Arab Nationalist Group in the assembly, made this appeal in the assembly after strongly attacking Egypt's foreign policies.

He said that the failure of the Arab oil states to respond to the 15 year plan, Egypt's economic needs was have as objective, pushing the country into a state of economic "an American colony."

He called for a meeting of the Arab oil states to discuss the subject and repay Egypt's debts from Arab funds now invested in America and Western Europe, which are being exploited by these states and indirectly benefitting Israel.

China expresses satisfaction with Gromyko's Tokyo talks

PEKING, Jan. 17, (AFP). — of Japan, said the agency. Mr Gromyko's recent statement now vividly demonstrates that the Japanese people have fought well and have done right and that truth is on their side. Their struggle for territorial recovery and stand against Soviet bullying is bound to forge ahead until final victory is won.

The favourable reaction by China towards Japan argues well for the resumption of Sino-Japanese talks for the conclusion of a peace treaty, diplomatic sources said here.

Mr Mikhi said January 13 that Japan was ready to sign this treaty including the "anti-hegemony" clause urged by China.

This clause, which Moscow considers anti-Soviet, has been until now the stumbling-block over the signing of the treaty. There has been no confirmation, however, here either from Japanese or Chinese sources of the resumption of joint talks.

New moves toward Vietnamese reunification

SAIGON, Jan. 17, (AFP). — North and South Vietnam took another small but significant step towards reunification with the announcement here that military police in the South Vietnamese capital would wear red armbands bordered with yellow, the colours of the North Vietnamese flag.

A statement by the military police headquarters of Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) said the new armbands would bear the words "Military control" in black. The new order means that armbands with the blue and red colours of the Provisional Revolutionary Government (PRG) of South Vietnam are being scrapped.

Moves to end use of the PRG colours were already apparent here last September 2, Vietnam's National Day, when troops paraded with only North Vietnam's red flag with a gold star. On May 15 last year, shortly after the fall of Saigon, troops in the victory parade marched with both the North Vietnamese and PRG flags.

Meanwhile, the PRG cracked down on transfers of consumer goods — such as television sets, radios, motorcycles, textiles and clothes from South Vietnam to the North.

From now on, cadres, North Vietnamese soldiers and private citizens traveling to the north will be allowed to take only one television set, one motorcycle and 10 metres of cloth on each trip.

Observers here noted the measures were the first steps to end certain abuses by per-

sons coming from the north who succumbed to the temptations offered by the relative abundance of goods in the south as opposed to the revolutionary austerity of North Vietnam.

Political violence continues in Turkey

ANKARA, Jan. 16, (R). — A high school student was reported killed in a clash between left and right wingers Saturday as political leaders attacked each other verbally over Turkey's unrelenting political violence.

The student was shot dead in the southeastern town of Reyhanli after left and right wings gangs fought with pistols, clubs and stones, according to the semi-official Anatolian News Agency.

Five people were injured, one seriously, in the battle, which brought the death toll in 11 weeks of student fighting to 182. The agency did not say what caused the clash and local officials were not available to give details.

In Ankara, Premier Suleyman Demirel accused Social Democratic Opposition Leader Bulent Ecevit of protecting and provoking anarchy. He compared his rival to Cuban Leader Fidel Castro and said he was "hatching new plots and screaming with ecstasy when he sees the seeds of discord blooming and spreading poison."



SHAH'S SISTER. — Princess Ashraf, sister of the Shah of Iran, is pictured shaking hands with members of the Senegal National Assembly Friday after her arrival in Dakar. (AP wirephoto).

Austria agrees to PLO office in Vienna

VIENNA, Jan. 17, (R). — Austria said today it would allow the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to open an office in Vienna.

Foreign Minister Erich Biehl told the newspaper Arbeiter Zeitung there would be no objections to the PLO opening an office here to handle representation at U.N. organisations and conferences.

The PLO which has observer status at the U.N., has already been allowed by the U.S. and Swiss governments to open offices in New York and Geneva. Dr Biehl's statement was the first confirmation that Austria, keen to boost its capital as the third United Nations city, had decided to follow suit.

A Palestinian request to open an information office as well would have to be carefully considered before a decision was taken, Dr Biehl said.

The Austrian Foreign Minister was commenting on an interview in another Vienna newspaper, the Kurier, in which the head of the PLO political department, Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, said he hoped his organisation would be able to open an office here in two or three months.

Dr Biehl said Austria would

asked for permission to open an office here last month, when its Budapest representative came to hold a meeting with the head of the Austrian Foreign Ministry.

ld probably agree to a PLO request to invite Mr Kaddoumi's deputy here to explain Palestinian views on the Mideast conflict.

He said the PLO formally

Those who ordered the intervention of the regular armed forces in Lebanon threaten a general conflagration and France bears a heavy responsibility, the semi-official Algerian daily El Moudjahid said in an editorial today.

"This intervention, if it is not stopped and condemned by the government, risks leading to a general conflagration in the country."

It was officially the first such intervention but in fact the armed forces have always been the principal furnishers of arms to the rightists, the paper said.

According to an official poll published Friday 33 per cent of the Japanese think there is no danger of Japan being involved in a major war.

The figure compares with 23 per cent in the previous survey in 1964.

Asked about main tasks of the self-defence forces, 57 per cent hoped it geared to defence of the national security, 21 per cent to ensure the "domestic security" and 13 per cent for natural disaster like earthquakes and floods.

The 1973 defence guideline sets the following limits to Japan's peace-time self-defence forces: ground forces 180,000 men, the maritime self-defence forces (navy) 250,000-280,000 tons of warships, and the air force 800 aircrafts.

512 Nigerians died during Haj

LAGOS, Jan. 17, (R). — An official count shows that 512 Nigerians died on the recent Moslem pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia, and 400 others did not return home.

Releasing the figures in Kano, main terminus for Nigeria's pilgrim airlifts, the executive secretary of the national pilgrims board, Alhaji Mahmood Bazzag said the board would make special arrangements in future to feed, house and transport elderly pilgrims in Saudi Arabia.

He said money was found on the bodies of many who died during the December pilgrimage, suggesting loss of appetite, fatigue and exposure were among the causes of death.

Polisario admits it holds 2 French school teachers

ALGIERS, Jan. 17, (AFP). — Algerian-backed Polisario Front nationalist guerillas in Western Sahara who have been claiming to hold eight French people as "prisoners of war" now admit they are only holding two French high school teachers apparently kidnapped while on a hunting trip from a town in South Morocco.

Last night a Polisario official stated officially that "rumours of the capture of a French pilot cannot be confirmed."

The admission differs considerably from a front-page report in the Algerian paper El Moudjahid on December 31 stating that a "spotter plane" had been shot down near the Sahara's border with Mauritania and its French pilot captured.

On Thursday, French officials confirmed in Paris that five young French people, three of them girls, and a Moroccan friend had disappeared in the region of Tarfaya (starting point for King Hassan's "green march" into the Sahara two months ago) on January 2.

Polisario at first said it had captured the five, but then withdrew the claim.

They were named as Jean and Beatrice Guyot, whose father is a political counsellor at the French Embassy in Rabat, Gilles and Nadine Pascon and Colette Blanchot.

As to the two "French soldiers" whom Polisario still claims to be holding, an informed source here has stated that they are French technical co-operation personnel doing non-military national service as teachers at the Agadir technical school.

They have been named as Jean-Paul Dief and Pierre Seguro de Carvalho. They vanished near Tarfaya on December 26.

According to sources here, they were kidnapped while on a shooting trip.

New firm to run Kuwaiti fleet

GLASGOW, Jan. 17 - (AFP). — A new firm to be known as the United Arab Shipping Company will soon take over the entire Kuwait fleet, the General Manager of the Kuwait Shipping Co. (KSC), said here Saturday.

Speaking at the launching here of a 23 thousand ton general purpose freighter for the KSC, he said Finance Ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and some other gulf states would meet in Kuwait to formally set up the new company.

He said the United Arab shipping company would take over the 25 vessels now being operated by the KSC, and a further 22 ships which are on order, representing a carrying capacity of one million tons.

He said the management of the new company would be entrusted to the present members of the KSC, founded 11 years ago.

Government officials have said Holland could do little to promote the Moluccan cause and have predicted that a breakdown of the talks will lead to a new wave of violence by young Moluccan nationalists.

Mr. Manusama has told the government that deadlock could prove disastrous. "We have radicals in our ranks, among the 40,000 Moluccans in Holland," he said recently.

At the moment when the United Nations Security Council is examining the Palestinian problem, imperialism is seeking to precipitate events in Lebanon in order to break the (Palestinian) resistance and drag it into the Lebanese hornets' nest."

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

● SAN FRANCISCO. — San Francisco socialite Joan Hitchcock claims John F. Kennedy made her pregnant before he became president and that she then had an abortion.

The babies were born to Mrs. Johanna den Outer, aged 32. Her husband, Hendrik, 34, is a sales agent. The babies, married since 1965 and the quins are their first children.

● JAKARTA. — Hostages released after a fifteen day siege by Moluccan gunmen in the Indonesian consulate at Amsterdam last month are showing symptoms of serious mental disturbances, the press reported here Friday.

Quoting Dr. Bastians, the head of the psychiatric team now treating the former hostages, the report said they had nightmares, suffered from insomnia and had become foul

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EEC energy plan includes \$ 7 per barrel safeguard oil floor price

BRUSSELS, Jan. 16 - (R). - The Common Market Commission proposed a \$7 per barrel floor price and a crisis oil sharing scheme as the basis for forging an EEC energy policy.

The plan will guarantee EEC energy production, especially high cost North Sea oil, against any future sharp fall in world petroleum prices from their present level of over \$10.

EEC Energy Commissioner Henri Simonet told a press conference the floor price mechanism, to be debated by community ministers next month, would safeguard between 70 and 75 per cent of EEC oil production in 1985.

It would be based on a tax at EEC frontiers to prevent imports of crude oil and its heavy derivatives from entering the community at less than seven dollars a barrel.

EEC officials said the floor price scheme is based on understandings reached by EEC heads of government at their Rome summit last month it will give considerable satisfaction to Britain who has been particularly keen on the floor price to protect the high investments in North Sea oil.

Accord on the floor price was the main precondition put by British Premier Harold Wilson for giving up Britain's claim for a separate seat at the world energy and raw materials conference in Paris.

Mr. Simonet said the energy sharing scheme is the minimum requirement to start a community stand to prevent a recurrence of the problems caused by the Arab oil boycott.

In the first instance, the nine

would agree to joint measures to cut energy consumption, he said.

The next step would be a system of surveillance by the Community of exports by individual countries to ensure that none was restricting the flow of oil across EEC frontiers. If this proved inadequate, other measures could be envisaged, he said.

France has been the most reluctant among the nine to both the floor price and the oil sharing idea.

Japan expects continued rise in its M.E. trade

TOKYO, Jan. 17 - (R). - Japanese International Trade and Industry Ministry Toshio Komoto said today that Japan would step up economic cooperation with Middle East countries.

After returning home from a two-week visit to Iran, Iraq, Egypt and Saudi Arabia as a special envoy of Prime Minister Takeo Miki, Mr. Komoto said that he felt the importance of frequent contacts between government leaders of Japan and these countries during his tour.

Mr. Komoto said he had reached basic accords on pending problems such as Japan's participation in Iran's petrochemical project.

He also said the government will deal positively with new requests for Japanese assistance.

Mr. Komoto said the Middle East countries were not only oil suppliers but also would be Japan's best trade partners.

In reply to questions, Mr. Simonet said the floor price would not be indexed to the rising cost of living — an idea proposed by the members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) for their own production. But the price could be revised at a future date if circumstances warranted.

He said that given the present level of world prices, the \$7 "minimum safeguard price" had a largely psychological impact.

He predicted that Japan's annual trade with Iran will reach 15,000 million U.S. dollars in both directions and trade with Saudi Arabia and Iraq will also top 15,000 million dollars and 5,000 million dollars respectively.

Last year, Japan's trade was 6,800 million dollars with Iran and 1,200 million dollars with Iraq.

Leaders predict discord at European Socialist summit in Denmark

HELSINGØR, DENMARK, Jan. 17, (AFP). - Western European social democratic heads of government will discuss the Tindemans report on the future of the European Economic Community during a two-day European socialist summit starting here Sunday.

With leaders of other western European socialist parties they will also talk about relations between the EEC and the rest of Europe and the third world, developments in Portugal and Spain, and relations between European socialists and communists.

This tiny port north of Copenhagen, in the shadow of Kronborg castle where Shakespeare set "Hamlet" will thus be the venue for the first high-level discussion of the report presented on Dec. 31 by Belgian Premier Leo Tindemans on how to safeguard the future of the nine-nation community.

The social democrat premiers of four EEC countries—West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Prime Ministers Harold Wilson of Britain, Joop den Uyl of the Netherlands and Anker Jørgensen of Denmark—will seek to harmonise their views on the proposals made by Mr. Tindemans.

They will no doubt also listen to possible comments on the report from Prime Minister Bruno Kreisky of Austria, Kalevi Sorsa of Finland, Odvar Nordli of Norway, Dom Mintoff of Malta and Olof Palme of Sweden—whose countries all have close relations with the EEC.

Mr. Tindemans can count on full support only from Mr. Schmidt. The British, Danish and Dutch premiers all have reservations on or are outright hostile to one or the other of his proposals, which include a "two-tier" development of EEC economic and monetary union in which countries such as Bri-



RADIO TELEPHONE. — Demonstrated by a diver at the 22nd International Boat Show at Earls Court in London, is the new-generation 'Mayday' radio telephone — claimed to be the world's most powerful, low-cost, portable and buoyant unit of its kind. Transmissions from the instrument can be received at distances of more than 1,000 miles. 'Mayday' operates on the medium wave international distress frequency and is not therefore limited to line-of-sight distances of VHF communication transmitters.

tain and Italy would be allowed to lag behind their richer partners.

The report also contains controversial proposals on the extension of majority voting to the field of foreign policy—which is not covered by the Treaty of Rome—and on European defence and the election of the European parliament through direct suffrage.

When the socialist leaders review the situation in Portugal, the question of financial aid to his country will probably be raised once more by Portuguese Socialist leader Mario Soares.

Mr. Soares is expected to stress that Portugal has still to receive promised aid from western European countries although the extreme left was defeated last November.

Italian inflation rate cut by more than half

ROME, Jan. 17 - (R). - Italy's inflation rate fell by more than a half in 1975 to just over 11 per cent by the end of the year, according to figures released today by the Central Statistics Institute, Istat.

Istat said the family consumer price index, based on 100 in 1970, stood at 179.7 in December compared to 161.7 a year before — a rise of only 11.1 per cent. At the beginning of 1975, family prices were rising at an annual rate of more than 25 per cent.

But during December the index rose one per cent, its fourth highest monthly increase over the year, Istat said.

The steady reduction of the inflation rate has been accompanied, however, by a serious

fall in industrial production and rising unemployment, now standing at about 1,200,000 according to Labour Ministry estimates.

His Spanish colleague Felipe Gonzales is likely to tell participants in the meeting that their countries should not assist the new Spanish regime until it has demonstrated more concretely that it intends to put Spain on the path toward democratic rule.

Relations between socialist and communist parties in western Europe will be discussed against the background of the Government crisis in Italy. Informed sources said they expected conflicting views to be expressed by French socialist leader Francois Mitterrand and his West German colleagues, party chairman Willy Brandt and Chancellor Schmidt, who are hostile to any "popular front" strategy involving an alliance of socialists and communists.

U.K. reports record exports in December

LONDON, Jan. 16 - (AFP). - A new monthly record export performance helped Britain to halve its trade deficit in December, Trade Ministry figures issued Friday showed.

The deficit was reduced to £79 million compared with 167 millions in November.

At the same time official figures showed that the annual rate of inflation dropped below 25 per cent last month for the first time since last April.

At 24.9 per cent, the rate remained the highest in the industrialised world, but the figure was considered here as encouraging compared with the peak of 26.9 per cent recorded last August.

Government experts said Prime Minister Harold Wilson's target of achieving an annual rate of 10 per cent by next August now seems within reach. They said the month-to-month increase in prices in December was down to 1.2 per cent, the same as in November, while the annual rate for the second half of last year as a whole had been reduced to 13.9 per cent.

The Bank of England's floating bank rate was meanwhile reduced by a quarter-point to 10.75 per cent. The rate has come down from 12 per cent since last November.

W. Germany links aid programme to Indian bomb plans

BONN, Jan. 17 - (AFP). - West Germany would have to halt its development aid to India if India began making atomic bombs, West German Economic Cooperation Minister Ego Bahr said here today.

A great difference existed, militarily and politically, between setting off a nuclear charge and developing an atomic bomb, said Mr. Bahr in an interview with Deutsche Welle Radio.

He recalled that India had expressly said it was not expecting to make atomic bombs.

Of all the developing countries, India has received the most West German aid — 4.3 billion marks (about 1,650 million dollars) to date.

Kissinger makes last attempt at SALT arms limitation agreement

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 - (R). - Secretary of State Henry Kissinger will attempt to achieve a breakthrough on arms limitation talks in Moscow next week — and it may be his last chance to bring about a new agreement this year, some U.S. officials believe.

The dwindling popularity of President Ford, coupled with election-year attacks on any treaty Dr. Kissinger tries to negotiate, could persuade the Kremlin that it may as well wait until either Mr. Ford or his successor is elected President in November.

"By April, it should be clear whether or not Ford is a lame duck."

If he is so far behind that he has little chance of election, the Russians might decide it is better not to do business with him."

Ironically, top U.S. negotiators thought just two months ago that they were in a race against the possible retirement of Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev, 69. Washington now thinks Mr. Brezhnev will stay on, but offi-

The new cut, resulting from a drop in the interest rate of three-month treasury bonds, reflected a lowering of short term interest rates that has been encouraged by the Central Bank in view of the decline in U.S. interest rates.

Experts here noted that the December trade performance compared with a deficit of £247 million in December last year.

The trade ministry pointed out that it was the best monthly result since last May.

The ministry reports a new monthly export record of £1,767 million, compared with the November figure of £1,637 millions.

A \$120 million surplus in invisible transactions reduced the trade deficit to £79 million.

Algeria reaches trade agreement with EEC

BRUSSELS, Jan. 17 - (AFP). - Algeria and the nine member European Economic Community (EEC) Saturday reached an agreement on trade, economic, financial and social co-operation after an all-night meeting, it was officially announced.

The agreement, similar to that negotiated by Morocco and Tunisia earlier this month, has yet to be approved by the EEC Council of Ministers, which will meet here Tuesday, and the Algerian government.

Under the agreement, Algeria will have privileged access to the European market while the EEC will provide Algeria with a grant of \$63 million over four and a half years.

Algerian immigrant workers will also have special social security status within the EEC under the terms of the agreement.

After exploratory talks with the EEC in 1974, the Algerian trade minister called on Marc 1975 to re-open negotiations to define relations across-the-board between Algeria and the EEC.

The talks constantly hit snags in spite of the expressed desire of the EEC to launch "global" policy of co-operation in the Mediterranean.

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Dr. Kissinger's Moscow trip has been delayed in part because of U.S. displeasure over Soviet intervention in Angola which will be a major subject at Dr. Kissinger's talks.

He is expected to reiterate the Kremlin the offer he made at a news conference last week to support the withdrawal of South African troops from Angola before Soviet-sponsored Cuban forces leave, provide that the Cubans leave at short, stated interval following the South African departure.

Dr. Kissinger told the new conference that the new agreement he is seeking is to important to be subordinated to the Angola dispute.

If the arms agreement is reached the final version would have to be worked out in the ensuing three months by U.S. and Soviet negotiators at the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks (SALT) in Geneva.

Then it would be signed at summit meeting in Washington next year. The summit was originally expected to take place last June but was delayed because of disagreement at the Geneva talks.

French 74 trade deficit turns to 75 surplus

PARIS, Jan. 16 - (AFP). - France turned a 1974 trade deficit into a surplus last year, but it will come out on the right side in 1976 only if oil imports are kept down and exports boosted, Foreign Trade Minister Raymond Barre announced Friday.

The 1975 surplus was about \$1.3 billion against a 1974 deficit of \$3.7 billion.

The improvement in the annual trade figures stemmed from a general fall in imports due to the recession and in particular from a 17 per cent drop in oil inflow.

Mr. Barre said that the slight recovery in France had already led to imports rising faster than exports.

"A balance in our foreign trade can be achieved this year with reasonable growth only if we continue our energy saving programme and boost our exports."

New tax haven in the sun

LONDON, Jan. 16 - (AFP). - A new tax haven may be established in the Seychelles islands when the Indian Ocean Archipelago achieves independence next June.

The Seychelle Prime Minister James Mancham, here for talks on the change in the islands status, told the press Friday try into a "mini-Switzerland" that he hoped to turn his country — a financial and trading centre without foreign exchange controls that would offer substantial fiscal advantages for firms from the industrial world.

Iran threatens oil price rise

TEHERAN, Jan. 17 - (AFP). - The Shah of Iran has threatened to raise the price of crude oil unless the foreign oil companies operating there increase their investment, according to a report in Saturday's Teheran press.

The newspaper Kayhan International quoted the Shah as saying the 14 foreign companies had not so far met their investment quota specified in the 1973 agreement, signed when Iran took over full ownership and control of the oil industry.

If they continued to refuse to do so, he hinted, Iran would be forced to meet all the investment needed to maintain production and increase the price of the oil sold to the companies accordingly.

"They can never force us with such practices to sell our national resources at a price lower than their real value," the Shah added.

According to the state-operated National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC), which controls all oil and gas exploitation in Iran, the companies owe \$180 million in investment.

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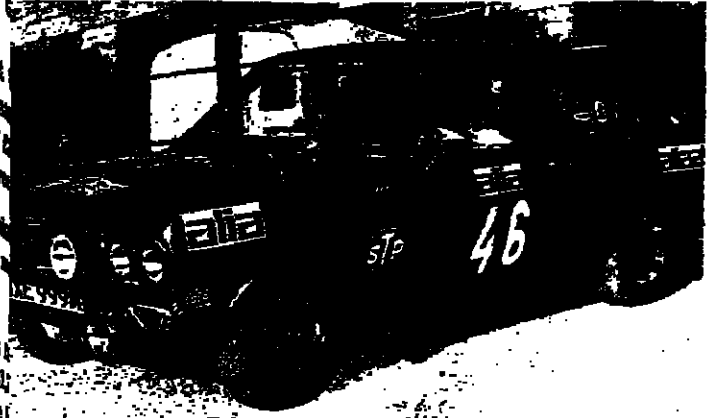
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ough challenge for crews in '76 Winter rally

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WINNERS. — Ghassan Asfour and Osama Marar in their Renault 17.

Work has been going on for more than three months to prepare this rally. Although the actual route is secret and will only be announced to the competitors as they start, certain information can be revealed.

The first car will leave the start at the Royal Automobile Club headquarters at 14.00 hrs on Thursday the 22nd of January; the remainder will start at two minute intervals.

There will be a special maximum speed test at the rear car part of the Hussein Sports City after which the competitors will follow a prescribed route which will eventually lead them to the finish of the first section at Aqaba, where the first car is due at approximately 19.30 hrs.

The real challenge starts on Friday the 23rd of January, with a maximum speed special stage on the beach south of the port of Aqaba.

The re-start of the road section will be from the Aqaba Hotel at 11.00 hrs. and from then on the crews will have a tough and varied route, including several more special stages, before reaching the finish at the Royal Automobile Club in Amman well after midnight.

Rallying in Jordan is essentially an amateur sport and enthusiasts compete for the enjoyment and the challenge — and maybe the fact that they can drive all over the country at high speed with police acquiescence.

Actually the excellent co-operation and assistance provided by the police, army and civil defence personnel in these rallies is very much appreciated and goes far in ensuring their success.

There are strict rules limiting the modifications on competing cars, which must be basically standard, or Group one in motor sporting parlance. The only work allowed, apart from routine maintenance is the improvement of the lighting and better safety measures.

The vast majority of the cars used in rallies here are privately owned and when not festooned with extra lights, competition numbers and advertising provide the daily transport of the owner.

The local dealers, however, take an active interest in rallying and provide assistance and sometimes even cars for the more successful drivers and navigators. In this year's event there will be official teams entered by Renault, Toyota, Volvo, Datsun and Volkswagen.

There has been feverish activity among the dealers to obtain the services of the more successful crews, and although loyalties have generally remained strong, one or two people will be making a change.

The Renault drivers will be striving to regain the supremacy they held until the recent string of Toyota successes. After a disappointing Summer Rally last year, the morale of the Volvo supporters was raised with a win in the short Balqa Rally in October, and they will once again be fielding a team.

Datsun are also returning in strength after a period in the doldrums due mainly to a lack of drivers. There will of course be many individual entries featuring several other makes of cars, some perhaps more suited to rally conditions than others.

It is generally agreed, though, that the main challenge should be between the Toyotas and the Renaults. This does not mean to say that anyone else is considered an outsider — far from it. Last year's winning crew of Ghassan Asfour and Osama Marar were both competing in their first rally, so the outcome is wide open.

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Britain has a printing problem

Europe's biggest single printing project — producing the 154 telephone directories that cover the United Kingdom — is going metric. The first copies in the new size, printed on A4 paper, have been distributed to subscribers at Sutton near London.

They are 21 mm taller than their predecessors and the Post Office says this will allow another 30 entries on each page, postpone the splitting of a growing directory into two volumes and help keep costs in check.

Twenty million telephone users are listed in the UK's directories and the number grows by more than a million a year.

Tito to undergo more treatment

BELGRADE, Jan. 15 - (AFP). — President Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia is suffering from sciatica and a chill and will undergo treatment "for some time," the official Tanyug News Agency reported in an urgent dispatch Thursday.

It is unusual for the agency to mark its reports urgent, but Yugoslav national television left a bulletin on the 83 year-old leader's health to the end of its newscast.

Observers here predicted that Marshal Tito's scheduled trip to Mexico at the end of this month could be postponed. He was expected also to visit Cuba.

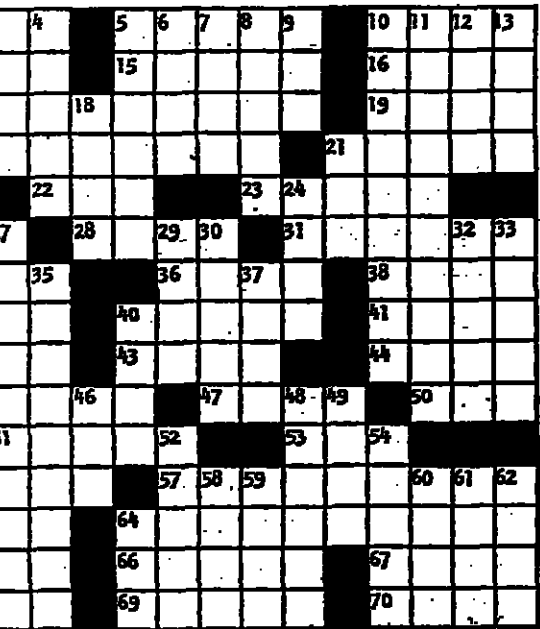
Marshal Tito's last public appearance was on Jan. 6 when he returned to Belgrade from a week's visit to Zagreb. He was shown there on television, celebrating new year's eve until six a.m., dancing smoking cigars and drinking with aides.

His health has apparently rarely given cause for concern, despite his age, though he underwent prolonged treatment for sciatica 11 months ago. In May, 1973 and again in February 1974, he took several week's rest on the advice of his doctors.

Tonight's TV Features

- HAWAII 5-0**
Case Against McGaret
A mobster's hatred for McGaret (Jack Lord) makes him kidnap several people and holds them as hostages to be exchanged against McGaret. How our hero extricates himself from this fix is well shown.
10:15 on channels 3 & 6 in colour.
- LIFE AND TIMES OF LORD MOUNTBATTEN**
Azumani
The third episode of this series finds Lord Mountbatten in the Navy at Malta. Western Europe is faced with post war problems: unemployment and economic disorder.
9:00 on channel 6 in colour.
- TOWARDS THE YEAR 2000**
Fashion
A futuristic view of how fashions will be in the year 2000.
8:30 on channel 6 in colour.

Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Eccentric devices
 - 5 Threaded fastener
 - 10 Gulf of —
 - 14 Spoken
 - 15 Smyrna figs
 - 16 Mrs. Beard
 - 17 Caused
 - 19 Military decorations
 - 20 — pigeon
 - 21 Laughing
 - 22 Owned
 - 23 William Butler —
 - 25 Nor: Lat.
 - 28 Exam
 - 31 Bleach
 - 34 Winged
 - 36 Sheet of glass
 - 38 Fillet Her.
 - 39 Go fly a —
 - 40 Heartside item
 - 41 Fast and famous piano piece
 - 42 Greek letters
 - 43 Hold back
 - 44 Clothing
 - 45 Resigns
 - 47 Real estate sign
 - 50 Ship prefixes
 - 51 Mine passages
 - 53 Worldwide labor union
 - 55 Insertion mark
 - 57 Depots
 - 63 African seaport
 - 64 Talked of the past
 - 65 Custom
 - 66 9 Down
 - 67 "Essays of —"
 - 68 Minus
 - 69 Bisas
 - 70 Ivory source
- DOWN**
- 1 Hen house
 - 2 Reliquary
 - 3 Scottish name elements
 - 4 Long cut
 - 5 Au — is famille (in the bosom of the family): 2 wds.
 - 6 Wooden shoe
 - 7 Descartes
 - 8 Abrasive
 - 9 Join
 - 10 Ells
 - 11 Extremely awful
 - 12 Noted school
 - 13 Political cartoonist
 - 18 Pants part
 - 21 College yell
 - 24 Pitcher
 - 25 "The — and the Dead"
 - 26 Crème de la crème
 - 27 Twin-hulled vessels
 - 29 Espy
 - 30 Captures
 - 32 Havelock
 - 33 Cattle of the ox kind
 - 35 Inhabitants
 - 37 No one: Lat.
 - 40 Sound to gain attention
 - 46 Inferior horse
 - 48 Drew in clear, sharp detail
 - 49 MDXXXII — CMXXXI
 - 52 Office worker
 - 54 Beginning
 - 55 Monk's hood
 - 56 Indonesian islands
 - 58 Middle East potentate
 - 59 Ceremony
 - 60 Liberal lobby
 - 61 Polynesian wreaths
 - 62 The Coyote State: Abbr.
 - 64 There's the —

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The day is quite good for working with other people. Many of you will find romance, friendship especially appealing. Points of agreement are sought and found. This is a good day for making repairs, both in human and inanimate states. Relations can be improved by emphasizing humility. Welcome new ways of doing things.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Present aspects favour entertainment, music, society. Mingle where you can enjoy a cross-section of people. Advancements occur concerning business revenues.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 23)
You can make good progress where your personal popularity and prestige are concerned. Your influence among your circle of friends can be a source of amazement.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
You seem to have clear sailing for anything you want to do or get mixed up in now. Expend your favorite doctrine or else listen to it. You can win a convert.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
The luck of another may rub off on you if you play your cards right. Try not to be envious or disgruntled.

Prayer Times

Fajr	5.9
Sunrise	6.41
Duhr	11.48
Asr	2.23
Maghrib	4.57
Isha	6.15

Radio

[ON 856 KHZ]
7.00 Breakfast show
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 News Reports
8.00 Sign Off
8.30 Listener's Choice
10.00 Sign Off
12.00 Pop session part I
13.00 News Summary
13.05 Pop session part II
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio Magazine
14.30 Opera in Germany
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.30 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy Listening
17.00 Studio One
17.30 Rock Review
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's Choice
18.30 Industry and Techno-
18.45 Music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 Songs
19.30 Sign Off
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Market

Apples (Golden) 120-150
Apples (Starkins) 140-170
Apples (Double Red) 190-220
Bananas 140-170
Beets 60-75
Bell Pepper 60-80
Cabbage 35-50
Chestnuts 900-330
Cauliflower 40-60
Carrots (Yellow) 60-75
Carrots (black) 70-90
Cucumbers (Small) 300-350
Cucumbers (Large) 160-200
Egg plant (Large) 50-75
Egg plant (Small) 60-80
Garlic 70-100
Grapefruit 40-55

Prices

Hot Pepper 130-180
Horse Beans 200-250
Lemon 70-100
Marrow (Small) 150-200
Marrow (Large) 100-120
Mandarins 100-130
Onions 120-140
Oranges 50-80
Oranges (French) 50-70
Oranges (Naval) 90-120
Potatoes (Local) 110-140
Potatoes (Imported) 90-110
Potatoes (Sweet) 60-80
Spinach 50-80
String Beans 140-180
Tomatoes 70-110
Turnips 50-70
Quakantime 100-130

Amman Airport

DEPARTURES:
12.00 Cairo (E.A.)
18.00 Bahrain, Bangkok
19.30 Abu Dhabi, Karachi
20.30 Tehran
21.00 Jeddah
21.30 Baghdad, Kuwait

ARRIVALS:
11.00 Cairo (E.A.)
16.00 Rome
16.30 Paris
16.55 London
17.20 Copenhagen, Frankfurt
17.30 Casablanca, Madrid, Athens
17.35 Amsterdam, Brussels
Geneva.

Exchange

U.S. Dollar	320-331
sterling	870-876
D. Mark	126.8-127.2
Fr. Franc	73.5-73.9
Swiss Franc	126.9-127.3
Saudi Rial	92.7-93.1
Lebanese Pound	130.7-133.3
Iraqi Dinar	912-917
Syrian Pound	88.5-88.9
Kuwaiti Dinar	112-112.0
Egyptian Pound	460-470
Libyan Dinar	685-715

Television

CHANNEL 3 & 6:
6.00 Quran
6.10 Moby Dick
7.00 Arabic Programmes
8.00 News in Arabic
CHANNEL 3:
7.30 Development Programmes
8.30 Arabic Series
9.00 Wrestling
CHANNEL 6:
7.30 News in Hebrew
7.45 Varieties
8.30 Towards the Year 2000
9.00 Mounthanen
10.00 News in English
10.15 Hawaii 5-0 (On both Channels)

Clerides back as Greek Cypriot negotiator

NICOSIA, Jan. 17, (R). — Greek Cypriot leader Glafkos Clerides said Saturday he had withdrawn his resignation as his community's chief negotiator in talks with Turkish Cypriots.

In a formal statement, Mr Clerides said he had been moved to change his mind by appeals from his parliamentary colleagues, Greek Premier Constantine Karamanlis and United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

Mr Clerides, who has represented the Greek Cypriot side since 1968, added that he would be explaining why he had initially tendered his resignation last Monday in letters to Archbishop Makarios, the Cypriot President, and Mr Karamanlis.

At this stage, he said he could not make anything public, "as this would cause great national harm."

Mr Clerides also said he had either tendered his resignation or threatened to resign several times in the past.

However, he categorically denied speculation in the Cyprus press that last Monday's resignation was connected either with the split in the Greek Cypriot leadership on how to handle the talks or because of attacks on him by his political rivals.

"The reasons stated in my letter are much wider and touch upon the more general public interest," he said.

Stating that he would continue as negotiator, Mr Clerides said "I cannot ignore the fact that despite the tendering of my resignation, the President of the Republic, the council of Ministers and the National Council have not accepted it and have not appointed any negotiator in the meantime."

Paris auction centre falls to the sledge hammer

PARIS, Jan. 16 - (AFP). — Going, going, gone.

These famous words will be said at the Hotel Drouot, France's premier auction centre for over a century, for the last time next week.

For the centuries-old building in central Paris will be torn down.

On Jan. 23 France's leading auctioneers and antique dealers will hold a souvenir sale of Drouot catalogues dating from 1860-1950.

On Jan. 31 they will all go to a final ball to be held on the premises.

Auctions will be held in another centre for the next four years, when they will be started again in the new Drouot building.

Chamoun besieged; rightists lose ground

(Continued from page one) the presidential palace of Mr. Suleiman Franjeh during the night. One also fell in the garden of the residence of the United States Ambassador and another landed near the home of the Japanese Ambassador.

The bridges leading north across the Beirut River were still closed by Moslem fire from the Quarantina quarter this morning, Christian militia hea-

viety shelled the quarter, setting a dozen wooden houses on fire.

Beirut airport remained closed for an indefinite period of time.

Tokyo steelmakers eye increased export trade

TOKYO, Jan. 16, (AFP). — The Japanese steel industry has new hope of an upswing in exports as a result of news indicating a sharp upswing in demand, industry sources said today.

They said representatives of American motor firms had discussed the possibility of massive purchases of Japanese steel during visit here recently.

People's China may also order between two and three million tons of steel from Japan over the next three months. China might then overtake the United States as the biggest overseas market of the Japanese steel industry, the sources said.

However, steelmakers here remained worried about low world market prices for steel. According to predictions by experts, world prices would not become profitable again until next June at the earliest.

Crete court muzzles newspaper editor

CHANEA, ISLAND OF CRETE, Jan. 17, (R). — A court on the Greek island of Crete today sentenced the editor of a local newspaper to 11 months' imprisonment for criticising the island's police.

Mr Manos Haris, editor of the Daily Alithia (Truth), pleaded not guilty to charges of insulting the chief of police of the demolition by police of houses alleged to have been built illegally.

He was also deprived of the right to import duty-free newspapers for the next three months.

Jordan financial leaders to Riyadh

AMMAN. — Mr. Salem Massadeh, the Minister of Finance and Dr. Mohammed Said Nabulsi the Governor of the Central Bank left on Thursday for Riyadh to hold talks with Saudi government officials on financial relations as well as economic cooperation between Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Before their departure Mr. Massadeh at Amman airport praised the excellent relations existing between the two countries and the financial support provided to Jordan by Saudi Arabia.

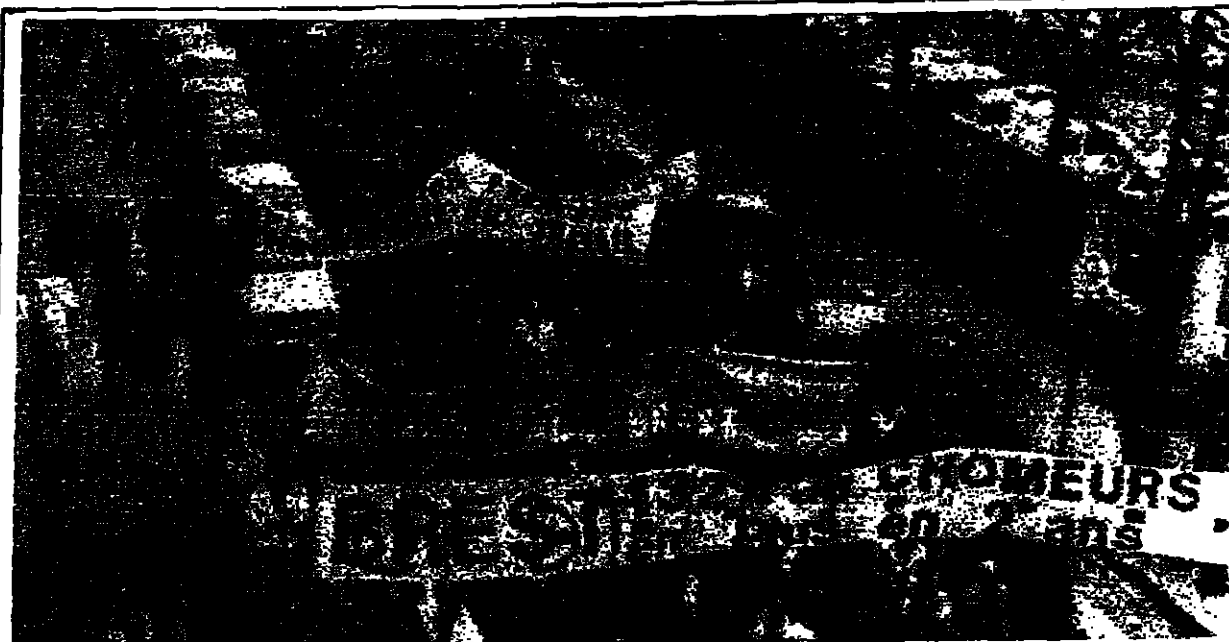
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CHER PREMIER. — Citizens of the French town of Brest, in Brittany, march in protest against high unemployment Friday when the French Prime Minister Jacques Chirac visited the area.

Non-aligned conference set for New Delhi

COLOMBO, Jan. 17, (AFP). — Foreign ministers of 15 non-aligned countries are expected to meet in New Delhi in March or April this year to draw up guidelines of a draft declaration for adoption at a non-aligned summit meeting at Colombo, the state-run Ceylon Daily News said today.

The Colombo summit is scheduled to take place in August this year.

Meanwhile, India's Foreign Secretary Kewal Singh left here today for New Delhi after a three-day visit during which he discussed with Sri Lanka's authorities arrangements for the Colombo summit.

He also held talks with Sri Lanka's Secretary to Foreign Minister W. T. Jayasinghe on the demarcation of maritime boundaries between Sri Lanka and India, fishing rights in each other's zones and economic cooperation.

Syrian Supply Minister to Jordan

AMMAN. — The Syrian Minister of Supply will arrive at the end of this month here on the invitation of his Jordanian counterpart Mr. Ali Hassan Oudeh. The talks between the two ministers will cover means of cooperation between Syria and Jordan in the supply field.

N. Ireland deaths

(Continued from page one) dent and said it was retaliation for alleged harassment and suppression by the army.

The army in Londonderry issued a special statement condemning the killing as "cold blooded and callous."

The killing of the soldier — the first army man to die in Northern Ireland in 1976 — and the Belfast bomb brought the province's death toll from violence to 27 so far this year.

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FNLA denies situation will lead to guerilla activities

KINSHASA, ZAIRE, Jan. 17, (AFP). — The Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA) today denied reports that it was planning guerilla reprisals against countries which had sent troops into Angola.

The New York Times on Thursday quoted FNLA Political Bureau member Paulo Tuba as saying the situation in Angola was so bad that the FNLA might have to use international guerilla tactics to keep its cause alive.

Mr Tuba told the paper:

Nyerere receives Indian award

NEW DELHI, Jan. 17, (AFP). — Tanzanian President Julius Nyerere today received the Nehru award for International Understanding awarded him for the year 1975.

Presenting the award, Indian President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed hailed the Tanzanian leader as "the conscience of awakened Africa."

Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, before reading the citation, acknowledged "the great role President Nyerere has played in the formation of my own personality."

Mr. Nyerere who is on a five day official visit to India, referred to the "existence of gross inequalities of wealth and power between nation states." He called on the rich nations to accept the transfer of wealth to the poor nations as "a binding obligation" in order to contribute to the extension of human development.

He stressed the need for changes in the world system of finance and exchange to block the present automatic flow of wealth from the poor to the rich.

President Ahmed later speaking at a banquet for Mr Nyerere said that India was "deeply" concerned at the continuing strife and bloodshed in Angola. He condemned South African intervention in the former Portuguese colony.

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President Nyerere said India and Tanzania had the same basic attitudes on non-alignment, exclusion of big power bases from the Indian Ocean, anti-colonialism and on the apartheid policy of South Africa.

76 detained workers free Madrid squabble continues

MADRID, Jan. 17, (R). — Seventy-six worker representatives were released from security headquarters here today when police dropped charges that they were organising a general strike movement in Madrid.

A police spokesman said the rest of a group of 140 who were arrested on Thursday night, were still being questioned about possible political aims behind current labour unrest in Spain.

The disputes in the capital centred on striking bank clerks who have joined engineers and construction workers in staging lightning stoppages for pay increases.

For the second consecutive day, riot police evicted employees of four major banks in central Madrid who were holding strike meetings in the main banking halls.

More than a thousand clerks subsequently occupied a nearby Church to continue their meeting.

But there was optimism that an end to the current conflicts could be in sight.

A spokesman for the bank clerks said negotiations to end their dispute could begin next week as employers appeared

Some facilities may not be ready for Summer Olympics

MONTREAL, Jan. 15, (R). — The president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), Lord Killanin, says the 1976 Summer Olympic Games will open here as scheduled on July 17 but track and field facilities may not be ready.

Rumours have abounded lately that the games might be cancelled. But sources here said that if the track and field facilities cannot be completed on time, the events could be shifted to another stadium such as the Autostade, the 32,000 seat home of the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League.

Meanwhile, an official of the Olympics Installations Board said Wednesday night that decision on whether the games will take place in Montreal as scheduled will be announced here on January 28.

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LOOK WHAT I GOT. — A Phalangist militiaman in uniform holds the passport of an Iraqi captured with Palestinian guerillas who were overrun by Phalangist fighters at Dbayeh camp Wednesday. The Iraqi, at right, is identified as Ramzi Hakim, a member of the Arab Liberation Army.

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